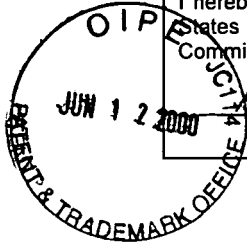


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated May 16, 2000 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 16, 2000.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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